

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A plastic container for domestic washing machines which internally receives a rotary drum whose axes are mounted on bearings arranged in a bearing shell made of metallic material, wherein at least one plastic member is accommodated on at least one section of the surface of the bearing shell, with the one plastic member and the bearing shell together forming a structural unit, before the remainder of the plastic container is injection-molded onto the structural unit formed by the bearing shell and the plastic member.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the material of at least one of the plastic members differs from the material of the remainder of the plastic container.

13. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the material of at least one of the plastic members is of a higher strength and quality than the remainder of the container.

14. (Currently Amended) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the plastic member forms an envelope or insert of the bearing shell the structural unit formed by the bearing shell and the plastic member.

15. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 14, wherein the envelope or insert forming the plastic member has ribs which impart greater strength to the join with the container.
16. (Currently Amended) The plastic container according to claim 14, wherein the envelope or insert forming the plastic member covers the entire side surface of the bearing shell ~~and the attachment and sleeve seal area of the same~~.
17. (Currently Amended) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the plastic member ~~accommodated in the bearing shell~~ is a ring which surrounds ~~the attachment of the bearing shell and the sleeve sealing area and a section of the side~~ the at least one section of the surface of the bearing shell.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously Presented) A container for a washing machine having a rotary drum disposed within the container and being mounted for rotation with respect to the container, the container comprising:
a bearing shell having a substantially cylindrical shape;
a plastic member formed on the bearing shell; and
the container being formed on the plastic member and retaining liquids during operation of the washing machine.
20. (Currently Amended) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member includes at least one projection extending into the ~~body of the~~ container to form an interlocking engagement.

21. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member is made from a first plastic material and the container is made from a second plastic material being different than the first plastic material.
22. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 21, wherein the first plastic material has higher hardness and strength characteristics than the second plastic material.
23. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 21, wherein the bearing shell is made from a metal material.
24. (Previously Presented) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member is formed directly on the bearing shell with a first injection molding process and the container is formed directly on the plastic member with a second injection molding process.
25. (Currently Amended) A method for making a container for retaining liquids within a washing machine having a rotary drum mounted for rotation with respect to the container, the method comprising the acts of:
providing a bearing shell comprised of metallic material;
applying a plastic member formed on the bearing shell with an injection molding process, the plastic member and the bearing shell together forming an intermediate structure and the plastic member comprising a portion of a container which has not yet been completed; and
then applying the remainder of the container formed on the plastic member with an injection molding process.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, further comprising forming at least one projection extending from the plastic member and into the body of the container to form an interlocking engagement between the plastic member and container.
27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the plastic member is formed from a first plastic material and the container is formed from a second plastic material being different than the first plastic material.
28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the first plastic material has higher hardness and strength characteristics than the second plastic material.
29. (New) A method for making a container for retaining liquids within a washing machine having a rotary drum mounted for rotation with respect to the container, the method for making a container comprising:

providing a bearing shell comprised of metallic material;

applying a plastic member on the bearing shell via an injection molding process, the plastic member and the bearing shell together forming an intermediate structure and the plastic member comprising a portion of a container which has not yet been completed;

after the plastic member applied on the bearing shell has at least partially cured following the step of applying, forming the remainder of the container on the intermediate structure with an injection molding process.

30. (New) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the remainder of the plastic container is injection-molded onto the structural unit formed by the bearing shell and the plastic member only after the plastic member has been applied to the bearing shell by an injection molding process and allowed to at least partially cure.